GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REHABILITATION OF PERSONS AFFECTED BY NJHPP
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper rehabilitation has not been done for the persons affected due to construction of Nathpa Jhakri Hydel PowerProject in Himachal Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cracks have appeared in large number of houses due to blasting in the area; and

(d) if so, the actions taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d): The Project authorities, namely, the Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) has confirmed that proper rehabilitationhas been done for the persons affected due to the construction of Nathpa Jhakri Hydro-electric Project (1500 MW) in Himachal Pradesh.

NJPC had got a study conducted by the National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) during August, 1996 to September, 1997, which revealed that the damages caused to the structures were not attributable to blasting in the project area alone but there could be many other reasons. NIRMstudy identified the radial zone of influence of blasting work in which the structure could have been affected. Based on the findings of NIRM, the HP Government had carried out assessment of the damagescaused to the villages falling under the zone of influence. A sum of Rs. 52.40 lakh have been disbursed by the State Governmentauthorities to the affected villagers in the villages falling under District Shimla. Based on further re-assessment of damages by the Government of Himachal Pradesh, additional funds to the extent necessary would be provided by the project authorities for disbursement to the affected villagers.